Title: Need to set up a Parliamentary Standing Committee, prepare a census report and to reserve seats in educational institutions for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) like the SC's and ST's.

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir, I would like to raise a very important matter. It is good that the hon. Parliamentary Affairs Minister is also present here. I had raised the same issue in the last session.

There is no Parliamentary Standing committee for the Other Backward Classes. There is a Parliamentary Standing Committee for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and for Women. The Government of India is giving them 27 per cent reservations in the Government services. But, to monitor that there is no Parliamentary Standing Committee. That is my first demand.

Secondly, there is no census in respect of OBCs in this country. People are just saying that they are 70 per cent, 50 per cent, 30 per cent and so on. Anyhow, we are going in for census in the year 2001. So, like SC, ST and Women, the Government of India has already approved so many communities as OBCs. Basing on that, in the coming census you can put one more column as OBCs, so that we get an idea of how much population of OBCs is there in the country.

Thirdly, there is no reservation for OBCs in the educational institutions. If we give them 27 per cent reservation in employment without education, how can they occupy those positions? Without education, this 27 per cent reservation in employment loses its meaning. Therefore, on par with employment, the same kind of reservation should be extended to the educational institutions also, so that the reservation as a whole will benefit the OBCs.

My humble submission through you to the hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs is to give this message to the Minister concerned.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (CALCUTTA NORTH WEST): We associate ourselves with the issue raised by Shri Yerrannaidu in so far as OBCs are concerned.

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